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FIG. 1.

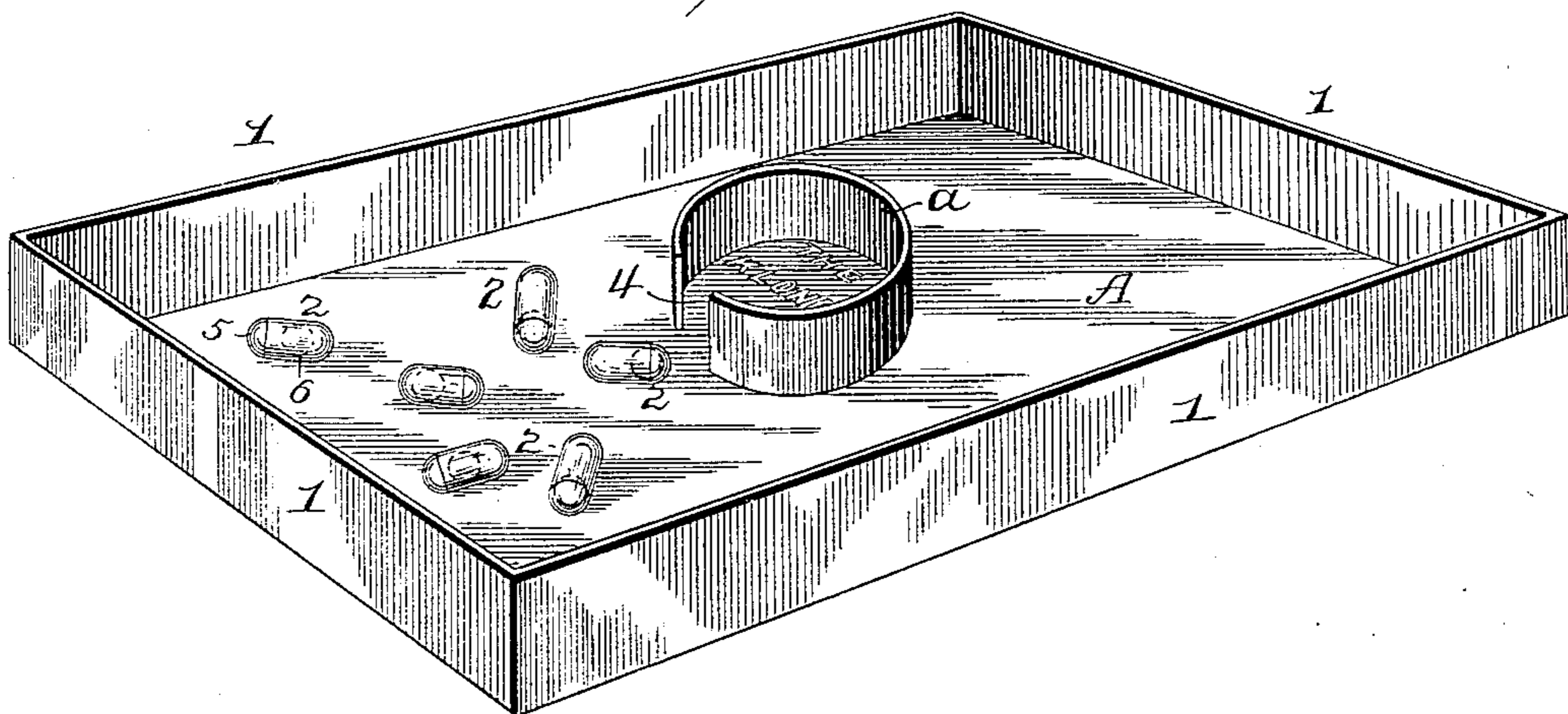
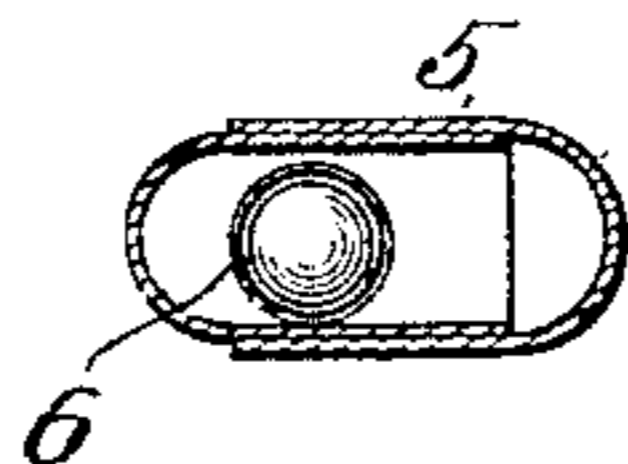


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLEM G. BURNS, a resident of Alliance, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Game Apparatus; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use
10 the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in game apparatus, the object of the invention being to provide a simple and inexpensive puzzle with which it shall be more or less difficult to accomplish the desired end, and thus
15 require a degree of skill in order to successfully manipulate it, which can be operated by simply moving it into different angles, and which shall afford a great amount of amusement.
20 ment.

With these objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.
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In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing one way my invention can be carried into effect, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view of one of the men or moving objects of the puzzle or game.
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A represents an ordinary box, which may represent a plot or territory provided with the fence or sides 1 of sufficient height to prevent the men or moving objects 2 from jumping out. The box may, if desired, be closed
35 by a glass cover. At or about the center of the field or territory A an inclosure *a* is located and may be made to represent a mountain provided with an opening 4, through
40 which the men are to be made to pass. For instance, the inclosure may be made to represent the Klondike mining region, and the men or objects may represent miners endeavoring to reach the coveted goal, or I might
45 employ any other desired representation to designate the desired goal. For instance, the goal may represent a voting-booth and some of the men colored differently from the others to represent different political parties, in
50 which case the object would be to get as many men as possible into the goal in a given time,

so that the largest number of men of one color would elect their candidate.

The men 2 consist of ordinary capsules 5 or other elliptical shells and having weights, 55 such as a shot or ball 6, loosely contained therein, whereby to change the center of gravity as the device is moved about by the user and give the men the appearance of nervously jumping for the desired goal or
60 field or territory A. The capsules are preferably gilded or otherwise colored to hide the weight or shot contained therein. When the device is used as a political puzzle, some of the men may be made to represent gold and 65 the others silver.

Thus it will be seen from the above description that the puzzle is to be operated as follows: The men 2 are placed in any desired positions outside the desired goal *a* and the
70 box is to be manipulated so as to compel the men to jump around and to finally pass into the goal without the hands coming into contact with the men at all.

An ordinary cover (not shown) may be provided, whereby to make the device convenient to carry or ship. 75

It is evident that numerous slight changes and alterations might be made in the general form and arrangement of the several parts
80 herein shown and described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I would have it understood that I do not limit myself to the precise details of construction herein shown; but, 85

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A game apparatus, comprising a board having an open goal therein, and a movable
90 object comprising an outer shell entirely closed and containing a weight loose and movable therein, said board being of sufficient width to admit of lateral as well as endwise movement of the movable object. 95

2. A game apparatus, comprising a movable object consisting of a shell entirely closed and having a weight inclosed and movable therein, and a board having an open goal therein, said board being of sufficient width to admit
100 of lateral as well as straight forward and backward movement of the object.

3. A game apparatus, comprising a board having an open goal therein, and movable object cylindrical in general form with semi-spherical closed ends and containing a loose weight movable therein, the board being of such dimensions as to admit of the objects turning freely on either the longitudinal or transverse axis.

4. A game apparatus, comprising a board having an inclosure *a* thereon, said inclosure having an opening 4 in its side, and movable object cylindrical in general form with semi-spherical closed ends and containing a movable weight loose therein, the length of the object being greater than the width of the opening 4, and the dimensions of the board being such as to admit of the object turning on its longitudinal or transverse axis.

5. A movable object for game apparatus, comprising telescopic half-shells containing a weight loose and movable therein.

6. The combination with a game apparatus having a substantially plane surface, of an object comprising a cylindrical shell closed in at both ends, by walls hemispherical within and without, and a rolling weight inclosed and free to move therein, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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